THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) Teaching Learning Equipment has been sanctioned for all the 22281 primary schools existing as on 30th September, 1986 in Karnataka.

(b) does not arise.

(c) All the Linguistic Minority schools existing as on 30th September, 1986 reqired to be covered under Operation Blackboard scheme stand covered.

(d) No State-wise allocations are made under Operation Blackboard. A sum of Rs. 215 crores has been allocated for Operation Blackboard scheme durin 1994-95. The total funds to be released to Karnataka during 1994-95 would depend on the proposal of the State Government.

Establishment of Urdu University

7189. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision on the location of an Urdu University as per the recommendations of the Committee set up by Human Resource Development Ministry; and

(b) if so, by when the University will start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) Government have not yet taken a decision in the matter.

Safeguards to Minority Educational Institutions

7190. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Human Resource Development Ministry has set up a separate cell to deal with Educational matters relating Minority Educational Institution;

(b) whether the Human Resource Development Ministry has issued detailed guidelines to the States on implementation of the safeguards given to the Minorities under Article 30(1) of the Constitution; and

(c) if not, whether the Human Resource Development Ministry consider issuing comprehensive guidelions to the States for uniform application of Minorities Educational rights under Article 30(1) of the Constitution?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) A separate cell established for educational matters relating to SCs and STs deals with minorities' education also.

(b) and (c) Policy norms and principles for recognition of minority managed educational institutions other than those meant exclusively for imparting religious instructions, were circulated to all the State Governments and UT Administrations in October, 1989.

गुजरात में साक्षरता का स्तर

7191. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंजरौला** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात के शैक्षिक रूप से पिछड़े जिलों के क्या नाम हैं जहां साक्षरता अनुपात स्तर औसत से कम है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इन जिलों में साक्षरता का स्तर बढ़ाए जाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में शिक्षा और संस्कृति उपमंत्री (कु. शैलजा) : (क) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार गुजरात की औसत साक्षरता दर 61.29 प्रतिशत है । गुजरात के जामनगर, सुरेन्द्रनगर, भावनगर, अमरेली, जूनागढ़, कच्छ, बानस-कांथा, साबरकांथा पचमहल और डग जिलों में साक्षरता स्तर इस औसत से कम है ।

(ख) इन जिलों में सभी प्राथमिक स्कूलों को "आपरेशन ब्लैक बोर्ड" योजना के अन्तर्गत शामिल किया गया है । 15 से 35 आयु वर्ग के निरक्षरों को कार्यात्मक साक्षरता प्रदान करने के लिए इन सभी जिलों को सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियानों के अन्तर्गत भी शामिल किया गया है । भावनगर जिला में सम्पूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान पहले ही समाप्त हो गया है और एक उत्तर साक्षरता अभियान शुरू किया गया है ।

Technical Education in Kendriya Vidyalaya

7192. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide technical education in the Kendriya Vidyaayas of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Kendriya Vidyalayas provide general school education including some vocational subject. Engineering and other technical subjects are generally taught in hjher educational institutions.

Operation Black Board in Punjab

7193. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Operation Black Board Scheme has been fully implemented in the country particularly in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise/District-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that State Governments did not utilise the central assistance provided for the purpose;

(d) if so, whether prescribed facilities in all the primary schools in the country have been provided; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to implement this centrally sponsored scheme in the country to realise the objective set out in the National Policy on Education?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) 99.9 per cent of the schools have been covered in the country while all the 12925 (100 per cent) schools have been covered in Punjab.

(b) State-wise coverage of schools is given the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d) Against Rs. 1032.66 crores released till 31st March, 1994 under the scheme for procurement of teaching learning equipment and appointment of additional teachers in Single teacher schools, a sum of Rs. 816.52 crores (79.07 per cent) have been utilised by the State Government/UT Administrations.